

At Saltcoats and within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church on Tuesday 7th April 2015, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted by the Moderator, Mrs Jean C Q Hunter BD.

Sederunt:

Mrs J C Q Hunter (Moderator) Mr A K Saunderson (Clerk)

Ministers:

R A Adamson, N Cruickshank, A Ford, M Hickman, A D McCallum, A M McCance, J J McNay, F C Ross, A Sherratt, M Thane, M Thomson, C Vermeulen, E R L Watson, T D Watson, T Webster, D Whiteman.

Elders:

K Anderson, J Aitken, S Brown, J Cameron, A Campbell, L Campbell, M Cassidy, M Green, I Hackney, R Jarvie, R Lavalette, W Mackay, S Marr, A Martin, H Mitchell, J F Murdoch, D Murray, G K McConnell, R McLean, J M McSwan, F Page, A Turner, A Todd, K Tudor, K S Welch.

Corresponding Members:

A Bruce, R McCool.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

M Broster.

Apologies:

Ministers:

M S Cameron, I S Currie, A Falconer, D Granger, D J H Harbison, M L K Howie, R I T Macdonald, M H Mackay, L McKinnon, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, I M Roy, A S Taylor, J R Teasdale, A Ward, J Whitecross.

Elders:

C Black, A Cochrane, G Cunningham, A C D Hamilton, R Kelso, C Massie, J Niven, S McLellan, W McNish, S McMahan, A Pringle, R A Richardson, I Watt.

Corresponding Members:

A Montgomerie.

Guild Presbyterian Council Committee Representatives:

B Guthrie, H Hawthorn.

- Minutes of meeting held on, Tuesday 3rd March 2015 (Pages 8-14), Saturday 21st March 2015 (Lamlash Pages 15-16) and Thursday 26th March 2015 (Largs Pages 17-18) having been circulated, were approved.

Approved/

Order of Business

It was agreed that an additional item ii should be added to the

Business Committee Report

ii The Committee gives Notice of Motion that at the May Meeting it will seek to suspend Standing Orders, so that the Communion Service may take place in Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, and not the Church of the Moderator.

And to the Report of:

Stewardship, Finance & Property Committee

The Stewardship, Finance & Property Committee – iv Ardeer Parish Church – Approve the application for a loan of £80,000 by Ardeer: Parish Church to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, to finalise funding requirements for a £ 452,000 restoration project to proceed.

Roll of Presbytery

- Welcome Revd Christian Vermulen – Fairlie l/w Largs : St Columba's

Guest Speaker – Revd Martin Thomson. Mr Thomson addressed Presbytery following his Study Leave trip to Rwanda.

Standing Committee Reports

Business Committee

For the Committee the Presbytery Clerk moved and it was seconded and agreed that :

- i. **Meal prior to Presbytery Meeting** - The meal which is offered to Presbyters prior to Presbytery meetings should be discontinued.
- ii. **Notice of Motion** - The Committee gives Notice of Motion that at the May Meeting it will seek to suspend Standing Orders, so that the Presbytery Communion Service may take place in Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, and not the Church of the Moderator.

Moderator/

Mission Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that :

- i. **Christian Aid Week** - Presbytery note that Christian Aid Week will take place on 10th – 17th May 2015 and urge all congregations within the bounds to promote the work of Christian Aid.

It was moved and seconded as a Counter Motion that the deliverance should not be approved. A vote was taken which resulted in an overwhelming majority for the deliverance in the name of the committee.

- ii. **Christian Education Questionnaire** - Presbytery notes that the questionnaire regarding Christian Education within the bounds was due to be completed by the end of March and urges congregations which have not yet submitted their response to do so as soon as possible.

Stewardship, Finance & Property Committee

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery :

- i. **Dalry: St Margaret's** – Approve a request made by the congregation of Dalry St Margaret's (120657) for a Presbytery Dispensation to pay their 2015 Ministries & Mission Contributions by ten or twelve equal monthly instalments by monthly standing order.
- ii. **Ministry & Mission Payments 2015**- Remind congregations that under the Financial Regulations of the Church of Scotland, congregations wishing to vary the amounts of Ministries and Mission payments month by month, or vary the method of payment from a standing order, must apply for a Presbytery Dispensation to do so. The application form is once again included in Presbytery Reports and Presbytery Representatives are encouraged to ensure this reaches the Congregational Treasurer. (Reports Page 10)
- iii. **Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church** – Note that the cottage owned by the congregation is currently rented and has suffered from a serious damp problem. 3 Estimates had been submitted to carry out repairs and due to the urgency, the S F & P committee agreed that the work should proceed as funds are available. The Committee sought that Presbytery homologate this decision. **This was agreed.**

Agreed/

- iv. **Ardeer Parish Church** – Approve the application for a loan of £80,000 by Ardeer: Parish Church to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, to finalise funding requirements for a £ 452,000 restoration project to proceed.

Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 5th May 2015 , at 7.30 p.m within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church, the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet in Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 3.00 p.m. within Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church

The meeting was closed with prayer.

_____ **Moderator**

_____ **Clerk**